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In re Application of: Peter FORD )  
Application No. 09/463,146 ) SUA SPONTE  
Attorney Docket No. RJENK9.001AP ) WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF  
Filed: April 14, 2000 ) ABANDONMENT *under 37 CFR 1.181*  
For: ENCRYPTED BROADCAST )  
MESSAGES IN A CELLULAR )  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM )

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, filed December 15, 2005 is acknowledged.

A review of the application reveals that a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to the Applicant on November 1, 2005. The notice incorrectly indicated that the instant application was being held abandoned for failure to respond to the Final Office action mailed on March 17, 2005. On March 30, 2005, the Final Office action was returned to the Office as undelivered. On August 11, 2005, the Final Office action was remailed to a new address and provided a three-month shortened statutory period for response beginning with the mail date of the action (August 11, 2005). The mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment is within the three-month shortened statutory period for response.

In view of these facts, the abandonment of the application was clearly in error and is hereby VACATED. The Office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to WITHDRAW the holding of abandonment and restore the instant application to pending status. The shortened statutory period for response expired on November 11, 2005, while the statutory period for response (with three-months extension of time) expires on February 11, 2006.

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